Subsidy to Housing Societies for Rain Water Harvesting

1051. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the water level in South Delhi has gone down by more than 40 meters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the group housing societies in Delhi have been advised to adopt Roof Top Rain-Water Harvesting before 31st December, 2001, which may cost upto Rs. 1 lac;

(c) whether Government would grant some subsidy to these societies to make the scheme successful; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMTI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) As per information furnished by the Central Ground Water Board, the ground water level has gone down by approximately 20 to 30 meters in certain pockets in South Delhi since 1960.

(b) The Central Ground Water Authority has directed all Group Housing Societies in NCT of Delhi except those societies located in Yamuna Flood Plain area or where water levels are within 8 meters below ground water level, and who are exploiting ground water to adopt the Roof Top Rain Water Harvesting System in their premises by 31st December, 2001. Cost of the system depends upon the site conditions and types of recharge structure, which depends upon availability of run off.

(c) and (d) there is no scheme for granting subsidy to the societies for making Roof Top Rain Water Harvesting System. However, the Central Ground Water Board provides technical guidance to various organizations, including Group Housing Societies in the matter.